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RELATION

OF THE

Laſt WORDS and Departure

OF THAT

Antient and Honourable *Woman*

Loveday Hambly,

OF

Trigangeeues, in the Pariſh of *Auſtell* in the County of *Cornwal.*

With farther Teſtimonies concerning her *LIFE* and *CONVERSATION.*

Prov. 10. 6. *Bleſſings are upon the Head of the Juſt, but Violence covereth the Mouth of the Wicked.*

Prov. 31.30,31. *A Woman that feareth the Lord ſhall be praiſed: Give her of the Fruit of her Hands and let her own Works praiſe her in the Gates.*

Acts 10. 4. *And he ſaid unto him, thy Prayers and thine Alms are come up for a Memorial before God.*

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The PREFACE.

DEar Friends unto whose hands this may come, this is to signifie of the Decease of our dear Friend Loveday Hambly, who hath finished her Course in this World and is gone to her long home, where the wicked cease from troubling: and if in former time such Women as feared God were esteemed honourable, and recorded to Posterity for their Vertue and good Works, may not this Friend of ours be recorded amongst the Living at this day whom the Living God raised up and made an Instrument in his hand to be serviceable in doing much good; who was a Woman of a noble universal Spirit, and descended of honourable Parentage as amongst Men: Her fame, no doubt, is already gon far, especially amongst God's People, though many never knew her, or saw her Personally, to whom the following Account may be of service, as well as to such as did know her, and be a means to stir up the Mind that's Pure in all to admire the Goodness of the Lord, & may be encouraged to serve and obey him in faithfulness in their Day and Time, that they may come to rest in Gods heavenly Kingdom for evermore, into which this faithful Friend is entred.

I shall not need here much to enlarge concerning this my dear, loving and well beloved Friend, because the Matter is so fully and truly Stated in the following Relation and Testimonies, to which (much of it) I can truly Subscribe: for it was my Lot to be a Houshold Servant to her about two years, to look after her Affairs, and might have been to her dying day for ought I know, if I had not been taken a Prisoner for the Testimony of Truth, and kept about eight years in Prison, at which she was troubled and disappointed also; for she did manifest much Love to me; yea, I may say, she was more like a Mother to me than a Mistriss: I was an Eye-Witness to much of her Tryals and Sufferings, in which she was very valiant and chearful: she had a great Family, and God gave her a great Measure of Wisdom to order it: her Tables were largely and plentifully spread, which is well known to many, and she took great care that all might have sufficient, and likewise that none of the good Creatures which God had given should be abused or wasted upon any account. And how tender was she and pitiful to the meanest Servant in her Family, if they were sick, or wanted her Help and Assistance, and the Lord wonderfully blest her Endeavours; for it may be truly said, she had a true regard unto him, as I have observed upon many occasions, her Heart was often tendered in a sense of the Mercies and Love of God, and this often was her

Expreſſion, I give God the Glory. *Or*, Bleſſed be the Name of the Lord. *And many times in the day, as ſoe had Opportunity, ſhe betook her ſelf to her Cloſet to be retired, and many times came out amongſt her Family as one whoſe Strength was inwardly renewed, in a cool and tender Frame of Spirit. O what could I ſay of her Sincerity and love to the Lord, his Truth and People! But ſhall ſumme up all in this, That ſhe was a good Woman and very ſerviceable, as many in thoſe parts do right well know. And as it was her earneſt deſire often in my hearing, ſo it is mine, That the Lord who raiſed her up in that Place and County, would be pleaſed to raiſe another in her ſtead and place to do as ſhe hath done, that her Intentions may be fulfilled and anſwered, even the Propagation of the pretious and everlaſting Truth, in which I do dearly Salute you all, and am your real Friend,*

Reading the 20*th*. of the 1*ſt*. Month, 168$\frac{2}{3}$.

Benjamin Coales.

A Coyy of a Letter ſent to M. D. *and Friends at* Plymouth, *the* 14th. *day of* 10th. *Month*, 1682.

Margery Dyer,

AND the reſt of Friends in *Plymouth*, knowing that you have a deſire to hear how it is with our Friend *Loveday Hambly*, whoſe Fame for *Good Works*, *Charity* and *Hoſpitality*, is gone forth to the uttermoſt Confines of the Land of our Nativity; and we believe it may be affirmed with confidence, that her Renown is gone forth to the Iſles afar off, as a Perſon accounted famous among Gods People, for *Sufferings*, and *Zealous of Good Works*, ever ſince the Day that ſhe was turned from *Darkneſs* to *Light*, and from the *Power of Satan* to *God*.

Now Dear Friend, this may certifie thee and Friends there, that our Dear Friend above mentioned *L. H.* hath, by reaſon of *Old Age*, *great Weekneſs* and *many Infirmities* kept her Bed for the moſt part this Seven Weeks, being aged about ſeventy eight Years; and though we are here as in a Houſe of *Mourning*, under the conſideration of her *Bodily Weakneſs*, and in the ſenſe of the *Departure* of ſuch a Serviceable Friend: yet we are Comforted and Refreſhed in that we can give a Living Teſtimony, that ſhe is in a good Frame of Spirit in relation to *Heavenly Things*: for it hath been obſerved of late, that if any Friend or other of her *Relations* have ſpoken to her about any of her *Outward Affairs*, her Memory fail'd her, as to give any direct Anſwer: but when any *Friend* did Read or Pray by her, or ſpeak to her of *Spiritual Matters* ſhe hath been much Revived and full of *good Expreſſions* and *Praiſes* to the Lord for his manifold Mercies towards her; often ſaying, *She deſired nothing but the Kingdom of God*: and in the *Evening* ſeveral *Friends*, *Relati-*

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ons, and *Attendants* being about her Bed with a *Candle*; one did desire to see her *Tongue*, she chearfully said, *Take away the Candle, and let me have the Light of the Countenance of the Lord Jesus.* And dayly and hourly she ceased not to sound forth the Praises of the Lord, and her Desires and Prayers to the Lord were, *to continue his Mercy towards her.* She saw her own weakness, and believed in the Strength of the Lord: and as she drew near her End, she grew into a loving Child-like State and Condition to all that came to see her, desiring earnestly the Prosperity of Gods Truth; and often declared her Intent in bestowing her *Outward Estate* in the manner as she had done, was, even that the Holy Truth might be propagated, and those that profess it might be Supported by her *Free Gift* after her Decease, and that *Friends* who did Travel in the *Truths Service* and were in want, might be supplyed by those to whom she left her *Outward Estate*; else, said she, I should never have left it to him.

Here follow several of her Expressions taken by such as were with her the Night before her Departure.

My Heart and Soul is poured forth unto thee, O thou Eternal God, thou art the Comfort and Salvation of Old Age: and the Desire of my Heart is, that all my Friends may be kept faithful to the Living God: for I declare here in the Presence of the Lord and before you, that I do love all the Children and Servants of the Living God with all my Heart, Soul and Strength. — And I desire the God of Abraham, Isaac *and* Jacob *with all my Heart and Soul, that I may faithfully fight under his Banner.* — Moreover she said, *The Lord knows my Heart, I never loved the Riches of this World, for what is it worth, it is all Vanity and Vexation of Spirit.* — At another time she said, *I desire to take up the Shield of Faith and the Helmet of Salvation, and that I may dwell in the House of God.* After she had layn still a pritty while, like one in a sweet Sleep, she opened her eyes, and seeing some of her Friends and Servants about her, she smilingly said, *Methinks I have been in a great Warefare, and there was mighty Doings, and O what a Comfort it was to me; we will not fall out about it, for their Kingdom must come into my Kingdom.* Again she said, *My God, look over them, keep all thy Handmaids, my God, my God.* — And not long before her Departure, in a good sence and deep Expression of Soul, she said, *Glory, Glory, Eternal Glory, for thy great Kindness and Love to thy Handmaid.* — And many times after she would begin some good words, which she was not able to utter forth, but some Friends standing by her, would help her therein, and then she would rejoyce that her Mind was uttered by another, and so continued quiet as a Lamb for about fourteen hours before her Departure: then deep groans did proceed from her until the eighth hour in the Morning, on the 14*th.* day of the 10*th.* Month, 1682; at which time she departed this Life, and slept with her Fathers, and as we hope and verily believe

lieve, is entred into a bleſſed Eternity. And this is written and witneſſed unto by thy Loving *Friends*,

Thomas Salthouſe. *Anne Salthouſe.*
Richard Tregenow. *Loveday Beachamp.*
With ſeveral Servants and other Attendants.

A farther Teſtimony concerning Dear Loveday Hambly, *from* T. S.

SHould I undertake to ſet forth a Declaration of her Vertue in the laſt twenty years of her Life, while I have had acquaintance with her, it would require the Pen of a far readyer Writer, and fill more Paper than is intended at this time, for it is not practicable among us to garniſh the Sepulcres of the *Righteous*, nor is it any way needful to write *Letters of Recommendation* for the Dead, who are entred into the *Reſt* prepared for Gods People and in quiet Poſſeſſion of an Inheritance among them that are Sanctifyed by *Faith* in Chriſt Jeſus, for the Spirit ſaith expreſly, *Bleſſed are the Dead that dye in the Lord, for they reſt from their Labour, and their Works follow them.* Our Dear *Friend L. H.* is now gone to her long Home, and we ceaſe to ſorrow for her that is fall'n aſleep, like thoſe that have no hope; for if in this Life only we have hope of Chriſt, we are of all men moſt miſerable, *for many are the Tryals of the Righteous*, &c. And truly the Tribulations, Tryals, and Exerciſes of this good Woman were many in the Days of her Pilgrimage in this preſent World, as may in part appear by the Records of our Friends Sufferings in this County, ſome of which are in Print, and ſome in Manuſcript, beſides Reproaches, Tryals, and cruel Mockings that did attend us while the way was every where ſpoken againſt, in which we walk, and Worſhip the only true God of our Fathers in Spirit and in Truth.

This *Good Friend* and *Antient Widdow Woman* was ſeveral times caſt into Priſon at *Lanceſton* and *Bodmine* for the Poſſeſſion and Practice of her Religion, and once conſtrained to ride to *London*, which is about 220 Miles from her Houſe, to make appearance there for Non-payment of *Tythes*, &c. and at ſeveral times had her *Goods* taken away in great Quantities, to the value of many hundreds of pounds, ſometimes fourty Head of Cattle at once, for her faithful Teſtimony againſt the *Oppreſſion of Tythes*, and ſhe did always take joyfully the ſpoiling of her *Goods*, with *Bonds* and *Impriſonmen s* that did often attend her for Matter of Conſcience, for no occaſion could juſtly be taken againſt her, except concerning the *Righteous Law*, *Way*, and *Worſhip* of the *Living God*; for in other Caſes ſhe was always careful to owe nothing to any Man but Love; greateſt Policy, Prudence and Care was to promote the *Intereſt* of the pretious Truth, and not only the Form, but the Power of Godlineſs, her Houſe was made a *Houſe of Prayer*, her *Heart* and *Hand* was boun-

bountiful and open to administer to such as needed *Food* or *Physick*, and the Lord was pleased to give a great Blessing to her Endeavours; many of her Neighbours are witnesses of it at this day; her *Charity* and *Hospitality* was not confined to her *Relations* and the People of her own *Perswasion*, but was extended to *Rich* and *Poor*, *Strangers* and *Enemies*; yea, she was truly Kind and Charitable in her day to the utmost of her Ability, few in this Generation did exceed her for *Love* and *Good Works*: she was no *Orator*, as to express her Mind by Men-pleasing Excellency of Speech, or inticing fine words that Mens Wisdom teacheth, but her Love was manifested to be real Love, not in words only, but in Deed and in Truth, which gives me this Confidence to say she was a *Disciple* indeed; and the Lord blest her in her Basket and Store, after all her Sufferings for Righteousness sake, and she never wanted *Meat*, *Drink* nor *Cloathing* to accomodate her *Persecutors* and their Children, if they were either in want of *Food* or *Raiment*; neither did she say, be warm, and be cloathed and fed by others, but did it dayly and freely, for they were her own words often uttered in my hearing, *What's all the World? I have enough, I will never live miserable to dye Rich.* And yet she hath left a competent Estate to be divided amongst many of her *Friends* and *Relations*, and to the *Poor* of the *Neighbouring Parishes*, as appears by her last *Will* and *Testament*, her Command concerning her *Funeral* was carefully observed by her *Relations* and *Friends*, and many hundreds of sober People did accompany her to her *Grave* in a Decent Burying Place, in the *Tenement* of *Trigangeeves*, where her Dead Body is at rest, and her Spirit is returned to God that gave it, and to the Spirits of Just Men made perfect, and I believe her Name is written in Heaven, and she is entred in the Possession of that Peace and Joy in the *Holy Ghost*, which is the effect of everlasting Righteousness, and hath a Name and a Place in the *House of the Lord*, and within the *Walls of Salvation*, even an everlasting Name that shall never be blotted out nor forgotten.

Dear *Friends*, *Brethren* and *Sisters* who are asking the way to *Zion*, with your Faces thitherward, and who have desires to have Intelligence of the State of Affairs among Friends in these Parts: this gives you advice of the Departure of the above mentioned Mother in *Israel*; let it not trouble you, for it is well with her; and this is a living Testimony of never dying Love, that's given forth and sent to you from your *Loving Friend* and *Fellow Traveller* in the way of Holyness,

Austell in *Cornwall*, the 20*th*. of the 10*th*. *Month*, 1682. *Thomas Salthouse*

The Testimony of Thomas Curtis.

AS for *Loveday Hambly* that honourable Woman in the *Flock of God*, I have this Testimony to give for her, that her Name liveth, although she

ſhe be gone to the Place prepared for all the Living, and her Memorial will abide among many *Brethren*, becauſe of her great Care of the *Truth* amongſt the *Heritage* of the Almighty.

Before ſhe was convinced of the Truth, ſhe was a Zealous Profeſſor, a Woman ſeeking after the Living God in the dead Forms of this World, and very diligent to follow after the beſt men then in eſteem amongſt thoſe Profeſſors, not willing to miſs a *Lecture* or *Sermon* at that ſeaſon, if Sickneſs, or ſome other urgent occaſion drew her not aſide, marvelouſly beloved then by thoſe *Miniſters* that were moſt eminent in that Place and Part of the County, willing to hear them in their Exerciſe, and then greatly to befriend them; and in the beginning or breaking forth of the Truth, when ſome *Friends* rode through the County, and ſounded the *Trumpet* of the Lord (for which they were taken and committed to the Common Goal in that County) a Concern came upon me to viſit the Priſoners of the *Great God*, and finding them ſhut up in *Dreamſdale*, a Dungeon in the Caſtle in *Lanceſton*, I was troubled in my Spirit, and a farther Concern came upon me to go to the *Seſſions*, and viſit a Commander whom formerly I was acquainted with, and then in Authority, to ſee if poſſible I might do any Service for the Lord, and aſſiſt my then ſuffering Brethren, which in Gods Strength I did perform, and in my Journying, I was guided to the Houſe of my deceaſed Friend *Loveday Hambly*, where, after ſome diſcourſe with her, ſhe ſeemed to be inclinable to know the Truth, and God gave me a Teſtimony ſuitable to her preſent Condition, and the Lord opened her Heart as he did the Heart of *Lidia*, and ſhe was melted with the Word of Life, and the Lord ſo wrought upon her, that although I parted with her in a little time, and went forward, as it was with me, to the Place appointed, yet when I returned, her Love was greatly inlarged, and ſhe conſtrained me to ſtay ſome time, and a Door of hope was opened to that Family, and ſeveral of the Neighbourhood, and many were prickt at the heart, and ſeveral good Meetings I had in the Family, and great tenderneſs was amongſt them, & the Fame went forth of her convincement, and the Word of God had a place in their Affections, and many were broken into tears, and this honourable Friend did comfort them, and was a ſtrength to them, and though many ſtood a loof off, and others taunted at them, yet her Affections ſtrongly increaſed towards them, and if any thing did befall them, ſhe made it as her own Concern, for ſhe valued no Delights of this World, but her Delight was in the Lord; ſhe valued not the Glory of great Men, neither did ſhe covet after great Poſſeſſions, but was contented with her Lot in her *Pilgrimage*, and as one that had found a Spring in a dry Ground, ſo was ſhe in her Meditations; ſo that her Fame went far, and many good Inclinations were in Peoples *Minds*; ſo that when I came again, as *Doves* to the *Windows* how did many flock, ſo that it was then very pleaſant to me, & great Deſires after the Lord appeared, & God opened a *Fountain* in the

the *Desert*; but this made the old *Serpent* angry, and set his *Ministers* in a rage, and some came to the House like *Champions*, to see if they could recover her again, many strong assaults were made in that day, but all in vain, sometimes I was met with by the *Ministers* on the High Way, sometimes challenged to come to the *Fair*, some private, some publick Discourses, but still her Love was fixed to the Lord, so that nothing could draw back her Affections, because she had in some Degree seen the Kindness of the Lord, the more they strove, the closer she stuck to the Truth, and the more they prest on her, the more she saw their Weakness, and when they perceived that there was no recovery like to be, the Dragon cast a *Flood* out of his mouth at her, and prepared a Troop to come to her House to lay hold of me, which drew many tears from her eyes, but the Lord was with us, and so prevailed with the then Commanders, that the *Lieutenant* and *Coronet* were convinced, and for some time stood in their Convincement, and the *Coronet* had a Meeting at his House, and great Peace then was her Portion, and her delight was amongst the People of the Lord, and which way she might lay out her Endeavours for the Truth: and as Friends came to visit the Prisoners at *Lancester* they came to visit her, and her heart was open, and her House was free, and *Meetings* began to be settled, and as a Nursing *Mother* in *Israel*, so was she: but when *Faithfulness* entred her heart, so that she could not put into the mouths of the *Priests* and *Impropriators*, they soon prepared War against her, and a deep Sufferer was she both by *Priest* and *Impropriator*, and often her *Cows*, *Horses*, *Oxen*, *Sheep* and *Calves* taken away, as the *Records* of that County can make appear; much spoil they made of her Estate, so that sometimes her Cattle was so clean gone and carryed away by the Spoilers, as if no recovery of a Stock were like to be again, but God was a Portion to her, and whil'st that *Propheste* of the Prophet *Isaiah* was fulfilling upon her Adversaries, *Isaiah* 33. 5. *Wo unto thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled.* Her *Cows* did Calve, her *Sheep* did Yean and bring forth, and the *Fleece* did grow again; and Gods Indignation did fall upon the Spoylers, and the Goods did not prosper in their Hands, but a Consumption came upon it, and it wasted and melted away, doing but little good, and in the End the Lord cut them off from the Earth, and gave them their Portion with the Spoilers: So that Scripture came to be fulfilled, the Righteous shall be had in everlasting Remembrance, but the Name of the Wicked shall rot. This did not altogether quiet the Adversaries, but when they had taken her Goods, they sought after her Body also, which they had at their Pleasure ready for the Prison, sometimes in one Prison, sometimes in another, the *Goalers* can give a more full account of her Personal Suffering, for having found the *Pearl of great Price*, she was willing to part with all for the Enjoyment of that Treasure, and believing that there was a measure of the Sufferings of Christ Jesus behind for her to fill up, she consulted not with *Flesh* and *Blood*, but gave

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her Body to the Priſon, and left her Goods to the Spoyler, as believing God was able to multiply her Subſtance; and truly as *Truth* proſpered in her heart, ſo her Subſtance was increaſed, and her Eye was to the Lord that gave it, and Gods Word was her delight, and *Meetings* ſtill increaſed, and her Faithfulneſs was found, and a nurſing Mother was ſhe to the *Feeble* and *Weak*, for ſhe was a Woman of great Hoſpitality, and her Love extended to all; the *Rich* knew her heart was free, the *Poor* miſſed not her houſe, the *Stranger* lodged not in the Street, but ſhe opened her Door to the Traveller, and many times relieved ſhe her very Enemies, and to ſay the truth of her, ſhe was very bountiful, and an open handed Woman, doing good to all, but more eſpecially to the *Houſhold* of *Faith*, ſhe was no *Flatterer* of any Perſon, nor one that would daub with untempered *Mortar*, but as her heart was, ſo was her Language, dealing truly with all without reſpect of Perſons, ſhe feared no man, neither could any mans frowns make her ſtart aſide, the Plain-mans Path was her delight, ſhe feared God, and took pleaſure in his People, and it was her *Meat* and *Drink* to do the Will of her Maſter *Chriſt Jeſus*: ſhe loved to hear of the Proſperity of Truth, and of the well-being of Friends, and when ſhe had their Company, then was her heart inlarged to the Lord: after this manner ſhe paſſed over about twenty ſix years of her Sojourning here in this World, and as all our *Fathers* were, ſo was ſhe ſeeking after that Country, and to find out that City whoſe Builder and Maker is the Lord. She conſtantly had *Meetings* at her Houſe once or twice a week, and took great pleaſure therein, and often would have a private time to her ſelf in her Cloſet, to ſpread her condition before the God of *Jacob*: She never turned her back upon the Truth, neither for fear of loſs of Goods, nor did the threatnings of the Priſon daunt her, but according to the meaſure of Grace that ſhe had received, her Bow did abide in its full ſtrength, and underwent the ſentence of Many *Fines*, and greatly rejoyced when any were convinced; the Truth was ſo pleaſant to her, that ſhe would ſtill ſend to her Relations to come and hear it, and when ſhe had a Friend that ſhe was well pleaſed with, both *Rich* and *Poor* invited ſhe unto the *Meeting*: but now ſhe is gone from us, and we believe ſhe is taken away from the Evil that is to come, and her *Good Works* and *Charity* follow her: yet time will ſpeak of the Integrity of her Heart, and of her great Love to Friends, although ſhe is removed from us; ſhe hath been preſerved after a wonderful manner in her latter years, and often ſaw it was the Lord that raiſed her up, and would ſay, ſhe believed that the Prayers of Friends did prevail with the Lord, and that her Days were lengthened out that ſhe might be yet more ſerviceable. She lived to a great Age, which but few do come to: *David* ſaith, *The Age of Man is threeſcore Years and ten*. But this Friend of ours lived fourſcore Years want but two:

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and if in that day it was counted a wondrous Old Age, what may we now esteem it? but she hath finished her Course amongst men, and departed out out of this World the 14*th*. of the 10*th*. month, 1682. And I doubt not but is ascended up to God, out of all the Troubles that overtake the Sons of Men.

And the Lord Raise up many more such Mothers, for the comforting of the Distressed, saith my Soul, who am your Loving Brother and Companion in the Truth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thomas Curtis.

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